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SOMEBODY rope the knocker. He
needs disinfecting. However, so
long as he is off the island we are
safe.

THE Honolulu clean-up-day
graft charge, has at last returned
to its place of origin—the rubbish
pile.

A "CONEY ISLAND" for Hana-
lei! Congratulations to the quiet
little village by the sea and may
the brilliant change mark not the
beautiful, picturesque Hanalei.

Now that actual work has begun
on the Nawiliwili Bay survey, it
will likely be but a short time until
we can furnish our readers with
definite information as to the possi-
ble location of Kauai's port of entry.

THE planters made a wise selec-
tion in securing Senator Fairchild's
services in the getting of expert
information on cane culture in the
Philippines, as Senator Fairchild
is probably the best informed man
on cane culture, in Hawaii.

We are publishing in this issue,
a full report of the members of the
Territorial Teacher's Association,
and would commend it to our read-
ers for careful perusal. The terms
under which we are entitled to our
industrial school are to be found
therein and a careful reading will
serve as a fortification and a reserve
force to our action when the matter
is brought up for consideration.

HILO TRIBUNE EDITOR'S BACK IS UP

THE editor of the Hilo tribune,
having referred to our recent ar-
ticle relating to his attitude toward
our teaching staff as of "no in-
terest but to the writer," came
back in his last issue, with a reply
which embodied the greater portion
of it, adding thereto—as he would
have his readers believe—an air of
superior journalistic profession-
alism which would lead some to
suspect him to be one of the corre-
spondents to the Kohala Midget.

As to "nasty personal flings,"
we regret that the Tribune has
chosen this term, but since such is
the case, we feel that to apply the
same to its former remarks would
be quite pardonable. Granting
that there was a "personal fling"
in our article, did the Editor of the
Tribune not know from whom it
came, and for whom it was intended?
He did—or at any rate he
guessed correctly. When the Editor
of the Tribune stated that
teachers taught to suit their own
ideas, and with a view of advance-
ment to the detriment of the child,
was not any teacher able to ask,
"Did he mean me?" Did they
not each have cause to say, "He
meant me?" Can a more "nasty
personal fling" be imagined?
Again: The "Superior" editor
states that "a reform school should
be established for teachers," but
did he specify certain teachers as
qualified to enter such institution?
No, he did not. Do you not see
evidence of "just a little more
nasty personal flinging?" well,
rather.

Under these circumstances, have
not the teachers just cause to re-
sist insinuations of such a character
made against them as a body? Ac-
cording to the Tribune, one or all
of our teachers might have been
the subject of his "nasty personal
flings."

We are termed "Amateurs" by
our very worthy contemporary who
explains our stand by attributing
it to "inexperience in Journalism."

In so far as we can see there is
no cause for an amateur journalist
to be otherwise than honest and
truthful in his statements, any
more than a man who has obtained
the enviable position now occupied
by the Tribune editor, and if deal-
ing in nasty insinuations, tending
to be little a class of as hard work-
ing people as our teachers are
proven to be, is indicative of the
highest degree in Journalism.
Heaven forbid us from ever becom-
ing anything than "amateurs."

WHAT THE TEACHERS' ASSOCIATION IS DOING

The Territory Teachers' Association of Hawaii has a long and creditable record of endeavor. During the years of its activity it has interested itself in all matters pertaining to the upbuilding of an efficient school system. It has been a potent factor in constantly raising the ideals of service of the teaching profession of Hawaii.

The long continued existence of the body is a strong indication of the right professional spirit among the teachers, and this spirit has been especially manifest during the meetings of the past year.

The Association consists of an organization in Honolulu with branch organizations upon each of the other islands. Any teacher of the public or private schools is eligible to membership. There are no dues nor fees. The officers consist of a president, vice-president and secretary, elected annually. The officers for 1910-11 were Mr. J. C. Davis, Miss Ida Ziegler, Mr. Vaughan MacCaughy. An advisory council, consisting of the principals of the larger schools, assist in the planning of programs and other executive work of the association. Meetings are held monthly, usually in the auditorium of the McKinley High School.

With regard to the work on the other islands, Miss Josephine Deyo reported, (1911): "On Hawaii, the Hilo Teachers' Union, organized in 1893 and composed of about seventy-five Hilo and Puna teachers, convenes four times a year. The leading features of its meetings are classroom work, general papers, discussions, addresses and exhibitions of pupils' handiwork."

A second Hilo society, known as The Teachers' Reading Club, has met for eleven years on two evenings of each school month to pursue such lines of work as make for culture and broader scholarship. The present work is on the art, literature and history of Spain.

The Kohala Teachers' Association, now about seventeen years old, meets quarterly and is a helpful factor in the Kohala educational field. Practical schoolroom work and the presentation of successful methods and devices by capable teachers characterize its meetings. Once a year all the Maui teachers met at Wailuku as the "Maui Teachers' Association." The Wailuku-Makawao Association of about fifty members meets once in two months, emphasizes the work of primary grades and pays some attention to the subject of school agriculture.

The Lahaina Association, which meets monthly, was organized September, 1908, with thirty members including teachers from Molokai, who attend the meetings once in three months. Discussions and exchange of views on topics of vital interest to teachers, rather than the reading of formal papers, is favored by this body.

Distance and the difficulties of island travel make it impossible for all the teachers of the Territory to avail themselves of the advantages

of association work, but the organizations mentioned above include a large percentage of our teaching force.

Educational matters have had a prominent place in the legislatures of both the nation and the Territory during the past year. Concomitantly, the association has taken a particular interest in legislation affecting education.

The Dilliver-Davis bill, pending the action of Congress, received careful consideration at the first two meetings of the year. This well-known bill is in the interests of vocational training, with special reference to agriculture. It augments the extension work now so largely carried on by the agricultural colleges, and provides for the training of teachers to teach vocational subjects. On the whole, the bill is very broad in its provisions and, if it were to become law, it would act as a forceful and widespread stimulus to the teaching of agriculture and related subjects. President Gilmore, of the College of Hawaii, presented this matter at the first meeting of the year and enlarged upon its benefits to Hawaii before the principals' section of the second meeting. Formal action favoring the measure was taken by the association, the branches upon the other islands were notified, and recommendations were sent to the Territory's representative at Washington.

The work of the School Fund Commission was most heartily commended by the association, and the recommendations of that commission to the Legislature were formally seconded. Mr. Wallace R. Farrington, chairman of the commission, presented a succinct statement of its conclusions with a regard to the best educational policy for Hawaii. A brief digest is as follows:

"First, that throughout the American mainland the public school has a recognized prior claim upon the revenues of the country. Second, that the demands of public education are principally met by a special tax on real property and personal property levied in sufficient amount to meet the requirements of the public schools. Third, the income from the public lands is almost invariably turned over, in a large measure, to the cause of education."

The ability to speak, read and write the English language is of paramount importance, educationally and politically in a land of such cosmopolitan population as in Hawaii. Emphasis is placed upon establishing the relationship between the thought and the spoken, written or printed symbol for the thought. This relationship is the basis for all of the child's future work.

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